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C O N F I D E N T I A L GUATEMALA 2029

SUBJ: INTERNAL SECURITY: EARLY MAY INCIDENT RATE

REF: A-81 MAY 10

1. PRESS REPORTED VIOLENCE OF PROBABLE POLITICAL NATURE DURING EARLY MAY CONTINUED AT HIGH LEVEL. NEW DEVELOPMENTS INCLUDE ATTACK ON NATIONAL POLICE, POSSIBLE REAPPEARANCE "OJO POR OJO," AND SPREAD OF SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY TO PETEN.

2. REPORTED KILLINGS THIS MONTH NOW OVER 30. THIRTEEN BULLET-RIDDLED BODIES FOUND ALONG NATION'S MAIN ARTERIES. SIX MORE HAVE APPEARED WITH REPORTED SIGNS OF TORTURE. ONLY PROMINENT INDIVIDUAL ASSASSINATED WAS HECTOR FION CARMA, CONGRESSIONAL SECOND VICE PRESIDENT IN ARBENZ GOVERNMENT, KILLED MAY 9 IN ZACAPA. HOWEVER, MOTIVATION MAY BE PERSONAL: SEVERAL SUSPECTS REPORTEDLY ARRESTED.

3. ATTACKERS MACHINEGUNNED UNMARKED NATIONAL POLICE VEHICLE MORNING MAY 11 IN ZONE 7, KILLING CAPT. JOSE MARIA DE LEON MALDONADO, AND WOUNDING ONE OTHER. PRESS STATES THIRD POLICE-MAN RIDING IN CAR AND UNINJURED RETURNED FIRE, POSSIBLE WOUNDING TWO ASSAILANTS. DE LEON AT ONE TIME ASSIGNED TO NATIONAL POLICE'S 4TH CORPS WITH NOE DELGADO VILLEGAS WHO MACHINEGUNNED TO DEATH MARCH 6 (GUATEMALA 974). DE LEON RUMORED TO HAVE BEEN ON FAR DEATH LIST.

4. FOR FIRST TIME SINCE JUNE 1970, WORDS "OJO POR OJO" APPEARED

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AT SCENE OF CRIME. PRESS REPORTED OJO POR OJO NOTE FOUND MAY 9 WITH TWO BULLET-RIDDED AND TORTURED BODIES, SAN MARCOS DEPARTMENT.

5. PRESS REPORTED ON MAY 8 THAT GROWING NUMBER OF SUBVERSIVE SIGNS ARE APPEARING EL PETEN AND THAT SEVERAL ASSAULTS AGAINST SAWMILLS HAVE OCCURRED THERE. IN ADDITION, MAY 8 IMPACT REPORTED REAPPEARANCE OF INDUSTRIALIST GUILLERMO IBARGUEN MISSING SINCE APRIL 3 (GUATEMALA 1486); IT UNABLE LEARN PARTICULARS HIS DISAPPEARANCE DUE (TRADITIONAL) REFUSAL FAMILY TO TALK TO MEDIA OR AUTHRITIES. HOWEVER, WE INFORMED BY OTHER SOURCES WHO CLOSE TO FAMILY HE STILL MISSING.

6. COMMENT: AT PRESENT WE HAVE NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON ALLEGED "OJO POR OJO" ASSASSINATIONS

[REDACTED] DE LEG. KILLING FIRST SUCH IN CAPITAL SINCE MLN SECURITY GUARD SECUNDION GUDIEL KILLED APRIL 13 (GUATEMALA 1607). DAVIS:

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